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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 29, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Ever loving and attentive Lord, You speak and the Word finds a place in the hearts of Your servants.

May Your people dream new and powerful dreams not built on futile hope but on solid experience and faith.

Provide us with dreams that will take us beyond present problems and anxieties to great solutions that will shape the future.

Free us from fear that inhibits our belief in our own capabilities and in Your promises. Give us wisdom to accept our limitations and humbly lay the work of our minds and our hands before You.

Your Providence, Lord, Your Providence alone, guides this Nation. And so once more we say as Your people: "In God we trust." Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### THE CURRENT HEALTH CARE REFORM PLAN: IF THIS IS THE BEST WE CAN DO, THEN OUR BEST ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Is this the best we can do: mandating private insurance, forcing people to buy private insurance policies or pay a penalty, guaranteeing at least \$50 billion in new business for the insurance companies?

Is this the best we can do: government negotiates rates which will drive up insurance costs, but the government won't negotiate with the pharmaceutical companies which will drive up pharmaceutical costs?

Is this the best we can do: only 3 percent of Americans will go to a new public plan while currently 33 percent of Americans are either uninsured or underinsured?

Is this the best we can do: eliminating the State single-payer option while forcing most people to have to buy private insurance?

If this is the best we can do, then our best isn't good enough and we have to

ask some hard questions about our political system, such as: Health care or insurance care? Government of the people or government by the corporations?

### IN RECOGNITION OF RYAN MURPHY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in Congress, there is a normal shuffling of positions. Today, it is with mixed emotions that I announce the departure of Ryan Murphy.

For the past 2 years, Ryan has done a professional job while serving as communications director for the Second Congressional District under very extraordinary circumstances. Ryan has handled his position with professionalism, grace, and integrity. His dedication and work ethic will be difficult to replace.

Ryan began his career as a staff member of Congressman TOM PRICE. He will continue his service on Monday as the minority press secretary for the Committee on Education and Labor.

I especially appreciate Ryan as a fellow graduate of Washington and Lee University and Sigma Nu. Ryan is the son of Mike and Chris Murphy of Atlanta and Hilton Head. He is a credit to the people of South Carolina and Georgia. I wish him Godspeed.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Welcome, Boeing, to South Carolina. We are grateful for the new jobs in the tradition of Michelin and BMW.

### SALUTING THE VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD

(Mr. WELCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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